

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Previously presented) A method of treating diseased, injured or abnormal bone at a site of desired bone growth comprising the step of applying to said site a composition comprising an effective amount of a mixture of hyaluronic acid, a growth factor and excipients to maintain biological activity of said factor, said composition being sufficient to enhance bone growth rate and magnitude and having a viscosity and biodegradability sufficient to persist at said site for a period of time sufficient to enhance said bone growth rate and magnitude.
18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said viscosity is about 75,000 cP.
19. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said hyaluronic acid is uncrosslinked.
20. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said hyaluronic acid in said composition comprises about 0.1-4% by weight of said composition.
21. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said growth factor comprises bFGF.
22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said bFGF is present in a range of about  $10^{-6}$  to 100 mg/ml in said composition.